



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Tsutomu Okada
Serial No: 10/764,892
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For: DIATHERMIC SNARE, MEDICAL
INSTRUMENT SYSTEM USING
THE SNARE, AND METHOD OF
ASSEMBLING THE MEDICAL
INSTRUMENT SYSTEM
Examiner: Beverly Meindl Flanagan
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Docket: 17376
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 13, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

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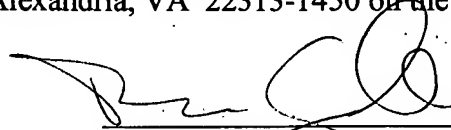
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